

## 501st MPs apply lessons ... adapting training and tactics

*Pfc. Ryan Braun (above) and Pfc. Joshua Griffith (below), both with 2nd Platoon "Gunslingers", 501st Military Police Company, serve as gunners during convoy security training in Baumholder, Germany. The Gunslingers are assigned to 1st Armored Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team as field MPs. As field MPs, their mission is to train for combat deployment.*

The term military police is usually associated with that traffic violation you were cited on last week. But there is another side to these troopers than maintaining law and order on the Army's streets.

While the main service platoons of 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division's 501<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company have hitting the road to keep some of the division's housing areas safe, the company's 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, in Baumholder, and 1<sup>st</sup> Plt., in Friedberg, are hitting the training areas to make sure they're ready for the next deployment. These two platoons are designated as combat MPs.

"A lot of people don't understand that working the road is a very small part of being a military police officer," said Staff Sgt. Michael Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, 501<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. "As it's been told before, we're glorified infantrymen, because we have a lot of combat operations and it takes up the bulk of our time."

A job description of the combat MP includes convoy escorts, military operations in urban terrain (MOUT) training and enemy prisoner of war training.